

TASK FORCE ON THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF MARINE AQUACULTURE IN MAINE

MEETING # 5

***THE ATRIUM, 21 GURNET ROAD
BRUNSWICK, MAINE
NOVEMBER 6, 2003***

- **AQUACULTURE LEASE PROCESS**
- **RECREATION**
- **TOURISM**
- **MARINE TRADES**

**Bruce J. Stedman, RESOLVE Facilitator/Mediator
Maine Department of Marine Resources &
Maine State Planning Office, Technical Staff**

Meeting Objectives:

- Receive advice and comment directly from members of the public on issues and concerns regarding marine aquaculture
- Understand the current aquaculture lease administrative process
- Begin crafting ideas for regulatory or other changes regarding the aquaculture leasing process
- Understand the impacts of aquaculture on tourism, recreation and marine trades and begin discussion of any changes needed to address impacts
- Continue the discussion of ideas presented to date and review various proposals for change
- Begin discussion of the procedure for preparing the legislative report

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Gather**

8:30 – 8:45 a.m. **Approval of Minutes from Blue Hill and Rockland Meetings**

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. **Preview of Aquaculture Planning Maps**

John Sowles
DMR Purpose: introduce maps depicting coastal activities and classifications to be considered when siting aquaculture leases.

Expected Outcome: Receive feedback from the TF about desired changes to the maps. Note: these maps will be revised based on TF input at this session and discussed in more detail at the TF's Eastport meeting.

9:00 – 9:30 a.m. **Task Force Work Session: Vision Statement**

Bruce Stedman
Facilitator Expected Outcome: Finalize vision statement

Materials: Revised vision statement

9:30 – 10:30 a.m. **Task Force Work Session: Impacts of Aquaculture on Recreation, Tourism and Marine Trades**

Carolyn Manson
& Vaughn Stinson
Maine Tourism Association Purpose: Understand the impacts of aquaculture on recreation, tourism, and marine trades in Maine and develop recommendations.

Nat Bowditch
Maine Office of Tourism (invited) Expected Outcome: Improve understanding of impacts of aquaculture on recreation, tourism and marine trades.

Dick Groton
Maine Restaurant Association Materials: Papers by SAP members Carolyn Manson and Pat Keliher, and a letter from Susan Swanton, Executive Director, Maine Marine Trades Association.

Additional panelist TBD

Kathleen Leyden
Facilitator

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. **Break**

10:45 – 11:15 a.m. **SAP presentation of the results of the SAP Belfast meeting regarding noise, light and visual impacts**

SAP member
TBD

11:15 – 12:15 p.m. **Current Aquaculture Lease Administrative Process**

Mary Costigan
DMR

Jon Lewis
DMR

Marcy Nelson
DMR

Purpose: Understand DMR's current aquaculture lease administrative process through a step-by-step review of the process by Mary Costigan, the Aquaculture Hearings Officer, Jon Lewis, the Aquaculture Environmental Coordinator, and Marcy Nelson, Marine Resource Scientist

Expected outcome: Improve understanding of DMR's aquaculture lease process for later discussion regarding necessary changes to the process

Materials: Handouts from Mary Costigan

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 – 1:30p.m. **Continuation of Lease Process Session**

1:30 – 1:45 p.m. **SAP Input Regarding DMR's Aquaculture Lease Process and Recommended Changes**

1:45 – 3:00 p.m. **Task Force Work Session: Aquaculture Lease Process**

Josie Quintrell
Task Force Vice-Chair

Bruce Stedman
Facilitator

Purpose: Process information presented to date on the aquaculture lease process

Expected Outcome:
Discussion about the changes needed in statute or regulation concerning the aquaculture lease process

Materials: same as previous session

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. **Break**

3:15 – 4:45 p.m. **Task Force Work Session: Facilitated Discussion of Ideas Presented to Date**

Josie Quintrell
Task Force Vice-Chair

Purpose: recap problems and issues identified to date and review various proposals for change.

Bruce Stedman
Facilitator

Expected Outcome: Narrowing of most promising solutions.
Assignments made to staff, TF and SAP for further work.

Materials : Summary matrix of problems and proposed solutions

4:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Task Force Work Session – Initial Discussion of the Approach to Preparation of the Task Force’s Report

Bruce Stedman
Facilitator

Purpose: Outline the process intended for preparation of the Task Force’s report for the legislature, and identify information needed for completion of the report.

Expected Outcome: Understanding and agreement about preparation of the final report. Directive to staff and others to gather information needed.

5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Dinner

7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Public Meeting